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to their rules even Musalmans and Harijans were not admitted. But we were able to make changes by a process of waiting and patience. We have to proceed slowly with respect to private charities. But, wherever the Government have control and influence, it may be taken that we will see that everybody gets the advantages of such institutions.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Is the Rani Mangamma Choultry in Madurai open to Harijans? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' In such cases where there is a legal difficulty, the Courts will decide. We should not try to hasten and precipitate matters. Sir, very often it is advantageous to make people forget the sectional nature of a particular charity so that the Government may interfere afterwards, if necessary.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—'' மதுரையிலுள்ள மங்கம்மா சத்திரத்தின் பெயரான மங்கம்மா என்பது ஒரு ஹரிஜனப் பெண்ணினுடையதா ? ஹரிஜனங்களால் அந்தச் சத்திரம் கட்டப்பட்டதா ? ராஜா ஸர் ராமசாமி முதலியார் போன்ற பிரமுகரின் சத்திரங்களிலும் இங்கு அனுஷ்டிக்கப்படும் படியான முறைகள் அனுஷ்டிக்கட்படுகின்றனவா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Sir, ' Mangammal ' is a name which is respected by the people of South India. It is a name connected with an old ruling family of Madurai and I am rather sorry that the hon. Member chose to speak in a derisive manner about it.''

11-20 a.m. SRI A. K. SUBBIAH :—'' ஹரிஜன ஆலயப் பிரவேசம் நடத்தியமாதிரியாக ஹரிஜன சத்திரப் பிரவேசம் நடத்த இந்த அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? ''

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—'' I want the question to be repeated, Sir.''

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH :—'' ஹரிஜன ஆலயப் பிரவேசம் நடத்தியமாதிரி-யாக ஹரிஜன சத்திரப் பிரவேசம் நடத்த இந்த சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' The question of agitation and education of the people is quite different from entering a house where we have no right to enter.''

Advisory Committee for the Government Hospital, Tiruvallur.

* 11 *Q*.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any Advisory Committee has been constituted or is proposed to be constituted for the Government Hospital, Tiruvallur?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' An Advisory Committee has been constituted for the Government Hospital, Tiruvallur.''

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—'' Sir, in view of the fact that the recommendations made by such Committees are not taken into consideration by the Government, may I know from the Hon. Minister the main object of constituting such Advisory Committees? Also may I know whether the Government have framed any rules regarding the constitution of such Advisory Committees, nomination of members to such Committees, etc.? ''

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, recommendations regarding the persons to be appointed for such Committees are made by the District Medical Officer in consultation with the Revenue Officer of the place. The recommendations made by the Committees are taken into consideration by the District Medical Officer and action is taken on such of the recommendations as can be accepted."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Headquarters Hospital at Chingleput is far removed from taluk headquarters like Ponneri, Sriperumbudur and Madurantakam, will the Government see the possibility of starting hospitals with a small bed strength at such places so as to save the patients from travelling long distances and also constitute Advisory Committees in such places?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not exactly understand, Sir, how this supplementary question comes within the scope of the main question."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" I meant, Sir, that each taluk headquarters must have a small hospital with 10 or 12 beds at least and now that Tiruvallur has a hospital with an Advisory Committee, I think it is high time that similar amenities are extended to other taluks also."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI. M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த ஆலோசனைக் கமிட்டி நிறுவப்பட்டு எத்தனை வருடங்கள் ஆயின? எப்பொழுது மாற்றியமைக்கப் படுமென்ற விஷயத்தை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"This Committee was constituted in November 1953 and would continue for three years."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Hospital Advisory Committees are made to meet only once in three months and in view of the fact that no recommendations made by the Committees are put into practice by the Government, will the Government see the feasibility of instructing the District Medical Officers to convene a meeting once a month and expedite the recommendations of these Committees and put them into practice?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Committees can meet as often as is necessary. There is no such stipulation that they should meet only once in three months and there is no period fixed for that purpose. The observation of the hon. Member that the Committees' recommendations are not acted upon is something for which there is no basis. I do not know what his source of information is."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" நிறுவப்பட்டு மூன்று ஆண்டுகளுக்குமேல் ஆகிவிட்ட கமிட்டிகள் எத்தனை உண்டு. அந்தக் கமிட்டிகளை திருப்பி மாற்றியமைக்க எத்தனை காலம் ஆகுமென்று சொல்ல முடியுமா?"

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is about Tiruvallur. The hon. Member is asking a general question. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The period fixed for the Committees is three years, Sir. I do not know what the hon. Member has in mind."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The Hon. Minister was not able to follow my question."

Mr SPEAKER :—" I shall call the hon. Member later. Mr. Deivasigamany."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the members of these Advisory Committees medical men or are they some of the influential Congressmen? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" There are several members. The Medical Officer in charge of the Institution will be an ex-officio member; the Revenue Officer of the place also is a member; then there are non-officials—a member of the Legislature is generally put in the Committee and people who take interest in public work are also nominated."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, for the benefit of the Hon. Minister I shall put my question again in English. What I want to know is 'how many Committees are there in the State which have been in existence for more than three years and whether Government will consider reconstituting such Committees now?' "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot answer such a general question now. The question under discussion relates to the Advisory Committee in Tiruvallur hospital. If the hon. Member wants information, he may put a separate question."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" அரசாங்கம் இப்பொழுது பல கமிட்டிகளை நியமித்திருக்கிறது. அப்படி நியமிக்கப்பட்ட ஆலோசனைக் கமிட்டிகள் செய்திருக்கக்கூடிய சிபார்சுகளை இந்த அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு அதன்படி நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து வருகின்றதா? அல்லது அந்தக் கமிட்டிகளின் சிபார்சுகளை எல்லாம் கவனிப்பதேயில்லையா? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்வியைத்தான் ஸ்ரீ விநாயகம் கேட்டார்; அதற்குப் பதிலும் சொல்லப்பட்டது."

(Sri K. Vinayakam rose in his seat.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I shall call the hon. Member again. The hon. Member Sri Pai."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, what are the duties and responsibilities of these Advisory Committees and are the members of the Advisory Committees expected to visit hospitals? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Committees make suggestions and recommendations. They can visit hospitals during working hours by giving notice to the Medical Officer in charge and they can also make surprise visits."

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SRI D. K. RAJU :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the local M.L.As. are deliberately avoided from these Committees, because they do not belong to the Congress Party? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. In many places, non-Congress people have been put into these Committees."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Sir, are there any Hospital Committees which have not met at least once a year and if so, what action do the Government propose to take against the Medical Officers who have failed to convene meetings of such Committees? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are in Tiruvallur now." (Laughter.)

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" I am dealing with the whole State."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is why I say that the hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the serious allegation made by the Hon. Health Minister that my remarks were baseless, I would like to bring to his notice this: The Advisory Committee of Chingleput Hospital said that for want of napkins, handkerchiefs and soaps, the work of the doctors was held up in the hospital and the Committee of which I happen to be a member recommended to the Government that napkins, etc., should be supplied in time. (Interruption by the Hon. Minister for Health.) The Hon. Minister said that I was making a remark without basis. I am telling him that such recommendations were made and the Government have not implemented them. Has the Minister got any kind of objection . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, Tiruvallur falls within Chingleput district." (Laughter.)

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister consider abolishing these Advisory Committees, as there seems to be much competition among Members to become members of these Advisory Committees? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the House must be glad to note that the hon. Member Sri Vinayakam is not a member of the Congress Party and still he has been put in one of the important Committees. I do not think there can be any grievance among Members regarding the choice of personnel for these Committees."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that rural parts are not adequately represented in such District Headquarters Hospital Advisory Committees? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Generally, the people of the locality are selected for nomination to the Committee, Sir."

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SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the members of these Hospital Advisory Committees are paid any travelling allowances for attending such meetings? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

State Health Insurance Scheme.

* 12 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of workers in this State to be benefited under the State Health Insurance Scheme; and

(b) the amount granted to the State for implementing the same?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The medical benefit scheme under the Employees' State Insurance Act has not yet been implemented in this State. A proposal to introduce the scheme in the first instance in Coimbatore and its suburbs is now under consideration. If it is approved, it will benefit about 36,000 workers in this area.

" (b) No amount has been granted so far. The expenditure on the medical benefit scheme will be shared by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation and the State Government in the ratio of 2:1 when the scheme is introduced."

11-30 a.m. SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்தத் திட்டத்தின் பிரகாரம் தேயிலைத் தோட்ட தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு ஏதாவது நன்மை கிடைக்குமா? அப்படி கிடைக்காவிட்டால் ஏன் அவர்களை இந்த திட்டத்தில் சேர்க்கவில்லை? மேலும் இந்தத் திட்டம் எப்பொழுது அமுலுக்கு வரும்? இந்த திட்டம் ஏப்ரல் மாதம் முதல் தேதி அமுலுக்கு வருவதாக இருந்ததே? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This Act applies now to all factories using power employing twenty or more persons and engaged in a manufacturing process. Seasonal factories, mines and railway running sheds are excluded from the scope of the Act. All employees, whether permanent, temporary, casual, clerical or supervisory, other than those drawing a remuneration exceeding four hundred rupees a month come within the purview of the medical benefit scheme. Persons employed in the Armed Forces do not come within the scope of the Act at present. Therefore the categories of persons mentioned by the hon. Member do not come under the scope of this Act."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir இந்தத் திட்டமானது 20 தொழிலாளர்கள் கொண்டதும் மின்சாரத்தால் ஓடும் தொழிற்சாலைகளுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொன்னார்கள். அதுவும் கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் மாத்திரம் முதலில் விஸ்தரிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகவும் சொன்னார்கள். எங்கெங்கெல்லாம் தொழிற்சாலைகளில் ஆஸ்பத்திரிகள் இயங்குகின்றனவோ அங்கெல்லாம் இந்தத் திட்டத்தை விஸ்தரிப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As to what exactly we should do with the hospitals in the various factories is under consideration. The Government propose to appoint a